
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 1486

Brief Description: Authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states.

Sponsors: Representatives Green, Jinkins, Cody, Hinkle, Moeller, Bailey, Schmick, Clibborn, Kelley and Condotta.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Grants out-of-state Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners prescriptive authority over controlled substances in Washington.

Hearing Date: 1/31/11

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

It is unlawful to possess, deliver, or dispense a legend drug or controlled substance except pursuant to a prescription issued by health care professionals with prescriptive authority who are licensed in Washington; e.g., Physicians, Dentists, and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners. Additionally, the following professionals from other states have prescriptive authority in Washington:

- Physicians;
- Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons;
- Dentists;
- Podiatric Physicians and Surgeons; and
- Veterinarians.

In 2010 the Legislature granted prescriptive authority to Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners from other states. This authority extended only to legend drugs, not controlled substances

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Summary of Bill:

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners from other states are granted prescriptive authority over controlled substances in Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.